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SUBJ: DRAFT TEXT OF FINAL PRESS COMMUNIQUE-CENTO MINISTERIAL

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A PROPOSED DRAFT FOR THE FINAL  
PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING THE 25TH SESSION OF THE CENTO  
MINISTERIAL COUNCIL. DRAFT IS BEING FORWARDED TO PERMIT  
REVIEW PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE COUNCIL:

2. BEGIN QUOTE. FINAL PRESS COMMUNIQUE  
WASHINGTON, DC APRIL 20, 1978. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION (CENTO) HELD THEIR 25TH  
SESSION IN WASHINGTON, DC ON APRIL 19-20, 1978.  
THE DELEGATIONS WERE LED BY:

IRAN - H E DR ABBAS ALI KHALATBARY, MINISTE OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS.

PAKISTAN-H E MR AGHA SHAHI, ADVISER ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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TURKEY - H E PROF GUNDUZ OKCUN, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

THE UNITED KINGDOM -THE RT HON DAVID OWEN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - THE HONORABLE CYRUS VANCE,

SECRETARY OF STATE

FOLLOWING THE READING BY ( ) OF ( ), A  
MESSAGE OF WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA, OPENING STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE LEADERS OF  
DELEGATIONS AND BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF CENTO, EXPRESSING  
THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
AND THE WARM HOSPITALITY OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT.

H E MR KAMURAN GURUN, THE SECRETARY GENERAL PRESIDED  
AT THE OPENING MEETING. THE HON CYRUS VANCE, THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PRESIDED AT SUBSE-  
QUENT COUNCIL MEETINGS.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONDUCTED A WIDE-RANGING  
REVIEW OF THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, GIVING  
SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE CENTO  
REGION. THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE VITAL IMPORTANCE  
THEY ATTACH TO THE PRESERVATION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND  
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF EACH OF THE MEMBER STATES IN THE  
REGION AND PLEDGED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE CENTRAL TREATY  
ORGANIZATION.

THE MINISTERS REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE  
EAST AND THE SURROUNDING AREA SINCE THEIR LAST MEETING. THEY  
AGREED THAT THE CONTINUING FAILURE TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE  
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MIDDLE EAST CONSTITUTED A GRAVE THREAT TO WORLD PEACE, AND  
REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THE CONTINUATION OF  
EFFORTS AIMED AT ACHIEVING A SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD RESULT  
IN A JUST, HONORABLE AND DURABLE PEACE IN THIS AREA BASED ON  
A RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL PARTIES AND THE PRINCIPLE  
OF THE INADMISSIBILITY OF ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY  
FORCE. THEY NOTED THAT THE RECENT FIGHTING IN THE OGADEN  
AREA OF THE HORN OF AFRICA HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO A CLOSE, BUT  
EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THIS DISPUTE SHOULD HAVE LED TO ARMED  
CONFLICT, WITH FOREIGN INTERVENTION, ON THE SCALE THAT IT  
HAD. THEY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE  
SUCH DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO  
A SETTLEMENT, JUST AND HONORABLE TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS EXCHANGED VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS  
IN EUROPE, AND NOTED THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED IN BELGRADE  
THAT A FURTHER REVIEW CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION  
IN EUROPE SHOULD BE HELD IN MADRID IN NOVEMBER 1980. IN  
THIS CONTEXT, THE MINISTERS, TAKING NOTE OF THE LIMITED  
SUCCESS ACHIEVED AT BELGRADE, STRESSED THAT DETENTE CONSTITUTED  
AN INDISSOLUBLE WHOLE, AND THAT SECURITY IN THE CENTO  
REGION WAS A CLOSELY CONNECTED ELEMENT.

IN REVIEWING THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, THE MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS IN THE REGION, AND EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE ECONOMIC PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, MINERALS DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH, UNDERTAKEN BY CENTO DURING THE PAST YEAR.

THEY ALSO NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE EXPANDED CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND MASS MEDIA PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF CENTO.

THE MINISTERS NOTED THE REPORT OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS MADE DURING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAST YEAR IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF COOPERATION AMONG THE ARMED FORCES OF THE ALLIANCE.

THE MINISTERS ALSO NOTED THE PROGRESS MADE IN COUNTERING THE THREAT OF SUBVERSION IN THE REGION AND REAFFIRMED THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO CONTINUE TAKING THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO ELIMINATE THIS THREAT.

THE MINISTERS REITERATED THEIR CONVICTION THAT A FRANK AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSION OF ALL BILATERAL QUESTIONS BETWEEN MEMBER COUNTRIES CAN ALONE STRENGTHEN SOLIDARITY AND IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING.

DURING THEIR REVIEW OF EVENTS WITHIN THE CENTO REGION, THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR GRATIFICATION AT THE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL MEMBERS TO HELP NORMALIZE CONDITIONS AND THE ENHANCE COOPERATION.

IN CONCLUDING THEIR REVIEW, THE MINISTERS NOTED WITH APPRECIATION AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL. THEY AFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO ENSURE THAT THE ALLIANCE CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE, SECURITY, AND STABILITY OF THE REGION, SO AS TO PROMOTE THE PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING OF ITS MEMBER NATIONS.

THE MINISTERS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ( ) TO HOLD THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL DURING ( ) 1979 IN ( ). END QUOTE  
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